

REMARKS

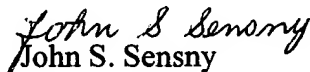
This paper presents amendments under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 to the specification to conform the Title, Abstract and Summary of the Invention to the claim allowed in this application. According to MPEP §714.16, the examiner "has authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof, or the cancellation of claims from the application, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval." Because the amendments presented in this paper include only corrections of formal matters in the specification, the examiner is authorized under MPEP §714.16 to make the amendments presented herein.

No new matter is added by these amendments, and no amendments to the claims are presented.

Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 under the Examiner's authority as specified in MPEP § 714.16.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 50-0510/IBM for any fees required or overpaid.

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Attachment: New Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT OF THE DISLCOSURE

An embodiment of the invention provides a method of managing a cluster of networked resources and resource groups using rule-based constraints. This method includes the step of building a globally optimal cluster configuration of the resources in accordance with the rule-based constraints and a current state of the resources, including identifying for each of the resources and resource groups an availability and quality of service, which are determined by dependencies among the resources and resource groups, resource equivalency, constraints on the resources and network policies. The method comprises the further steps of bringing the cluster of resources on-line in a systematic manner, given the current state of each of the resources and resource groups; and with the cluster of networked resources on-line, determining dynamic dependencies of and configuration information about the cluster of resources (i) statically at defined times and (ii) dynamically during cluster operation.